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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/873,041
Filing Date	October 9, 2003 10/10/03
First Named Inventor	Michael Heuken
Group Art Unit	1765 ✓
Examiner Name	Matthew J. Song
Attorney Docket Number	03345-P0017A TC 1700

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule 65 Red. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - III Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103© for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall be exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4516.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 10/17/2003 MAHMED1 0000006 09873041
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 DP
 - iii. Other Any Fee Deficiency
- b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	October 9, 2003

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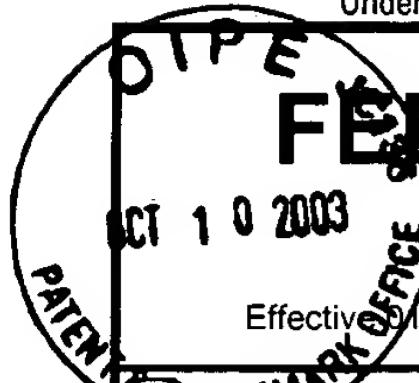
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FEET TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

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Small entity claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Complete if Known	
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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19-4516

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St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1101	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770.00
1002	340	2202	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
		SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$)	770.00

2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	58	-20**	Extra Claims		Fee from below	Fee Paid
			38	X	18	
Independent Claims	4	-3**	1	X		684.00
Multiple Dependent						86.00

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1201	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claims, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 over original patent	
		SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$)	77.00

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65			Surcharge - late filing for or oath	
1052	50	2052	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130			Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252	40	2252	210			Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475			Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165			Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165			Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145			Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240			Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320			Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify)							

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0.00)

SUBMITTED BY St.Onge Steward Johnston & Reens LLC

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